MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 44. (*Interruptions*). I am sorry. I cannot proceed with this question. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, Our Minister who is from Andhra Pradesh is unnecessarily sandwiched between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: We were never given a chance to refute all the wrong statements. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 44.

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme

*44. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date of the announcement of the Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP);

(b) the schemes implemented in different States under the above programme so far;

(c) the urban areas identified in Orissa and other States for implementing that programme; and

(d) the details of the fund allocation made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERITY ALLEVIATION-(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) to (b) a statement is laid ontheTable of the Sabha. (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Progamme (PMI UPEP) was lunched on 18th November, 1995 with emphais on self-employment generation, skill developmentTraining and shelter upgradation.

(c) The list of 345 Class II Urban Agglomerations including those of Orissa, and 74 district towns of north-easternHill States identified for coverage under the Programme is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 176, Annexure No. 12]

(d) The details of the funds allotted for the Programme are given in Annexure (*See* Aappendix 176, Annexure No. 13]

SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to know the basis on which they have chosen the towns for inclusion. They have included in their list only 10 towns of Orissa. Why have the others been left out? Have they issued and specific guidelines choosing such towns? And, is the Government aware of the fact that the financial institutions are not cooperating in this programme? As it is shown on the TV, it is very colourful; but in reality, we do not find it to be so.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we have selected these Class II towns on the basis of the Census of 1991. "Class II towns" means towns where the population is between 50,000 and one lakh. In Orissa, there are only 10 Class II towns mentioned by the Census of India, 1991.

As for the banks, the Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines, detailed guidelines, to accept the application and sanition loan within 15 days' time after the full application is received by the respective banks.

SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: What is the amount released to the Government of Orissa so far?

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: As a Central subsidy, we have given about Rs. 2.69 crores to Orissa recently.

श्री जनार्दन यादव: बिहार के बारे में बोलिये।

श्री ए० एस० अहलुवालिया: आप पूछिए।

श्री जनार्दन यादव: सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूं कि बिहार में कितने शहरों में कितने व्यक्तियों को गरीबी उन्मूलन के लिये आपने अभी तक पैसा मुहैया कराया है प्रधान मंत्री योजना के तहत?

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: अध्यक्ष महोदय, बिहार के 28 शहरों को जो श्रेणी दो में आते हैं सेन्सस ऑफ इंडिया 1991 के अनुसार, उनको इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत लिया गया है। अगर सदस्य महोदय चाहें तो मैं नाम पढ़ कर सुना देता हूं।

श्री जनार्दन यादव: मैंने पूछा कि कितने लोगों को?

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: यह तो 28 शहरों में गरीबी रेखा के नीचे जो लोग रहते हैं, उनको इस का लाभ प्राप्त होगा।

श्री जनार्दन यादव: कितने लोगों को?

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: 28 शहरों में..(व्यवधान)..

श्री जनार्दन यादव: 28 शहरों में कितने लोगों को लाभ हुआ ? ..(व्यवधान)..

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: नवम्बर के महीने में लागू की गई थी और उसमें एक प्रावधान था कि जिन राज्यों में स्थानीय निकायों के चुनाव नहीं हुए हैं, वैसे स्थानों को नहीं दिया जाएगा। बिहार के बारे में उसके बाद निर्णय लिया गया और अभी तक वहां कितने इसके बेनीफिशरी होगें इसकी लिस्ट बिहार से नहीं भेजी गई है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Persons Suffering from AIDS

*45. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of men and women in the country, particularly in Gujarat having symptoms of AIDS;

(b) the details of special schemes formulated so far to check AIDS: and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) As on 31st January, 1996, 1730 men and 582 women have been reported as AIDS cases. Of these 18 men and 7 women are from Gujarat State.

(b) and (c) a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country including Gujarat State. The Programme is being funded by World Bank soft loan of US $ 84 million (Rs. 222.6 crores) during the period 1992—97. The strategies to combat AIDS consist of strengthening programme management, generation of awareness amongst risk behaviour groups and the general public, control of STDs, condom promotion, blood safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS

Proposal to Privatise Tourism Industry

*46. SHRI T. . VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmet propose to privatise Tourism Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The major components of the tourism industry like hotels and travel operations are now primarily in the private sector. The Government of India has taken many steps to motivate additional private sector investment in the building up of tourism infrastructure. These include incentives and concessions for private sector investment and motivating the State Government to prepare investment plans. The Government of India has also created a Special Investment Cell in the